

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2005, please consider the preceding amendments and the following remarks made in a good faith attempt to move prosecution of this application forward to a proper allowance of the claims.

Please note that any and all fees associated with this response, including any applicable extension fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.136, and any fees for newly presented claims, may be charged to the deposit account of the undersigned, **Account No. 50-0894**.

Applicant here requests such extensions under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 as may be necessary to render this response timely.

Please note that claim 1-2 have been amended and do not contain new matter. As such, Applicant believes claims 1-4 to be in condition for allowance.

Amendments to Claims

Claims 1 and 2 currently stand objected to because of informalities. Amended claims 1 and 2 are a single sentence beginning with a capital letter and ending in a period with no periods used elsewhere in the claims.

Claims 1-4 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Williams (6,308,596). Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection is inappropriate. The present invention provides as a required element, "a substantially cylindrical handle." Applicant fails to find a substantially cylindrical handle in Williams who teaches a substantially planar handle. Williams, Figure 4. Furthermore, the present invention claims attachment members with spine and cusp members substantially perpendicular to one

another while Williams teaches the spine and cusp members in a V-shape. Williams, Figure 1B-1C. "A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987); MPEP 2131. Since a substantially round handle is not expressly or inherently described in Williams and since the present invention claims attachment means with substantially novel orientation compared to Williams, claims 1-4 of the present invention is patentably distinct from Williams.

Applicant respectfully submits, that in view of the preceding, Claims 1-4 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are hereby requested, and allowance of Claims 1-4 at an early date is solicited. If impediments to allowance of the claims remain and a telephone conference between the undersigned and the examiner would help remove such impediments in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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